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LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dry stove wood at Geo. Ehrhart's, 18d

One year coal of George Ehrhart, 18d

13d all-wool flannel waist at B. Stine's, 16tf

Choice link and canned oysters at Wood Bros', 66dw

Nice mixed candies 15c per pound at Wood Bros', 66dw

Zephrys and croissants at cost, at Miss Watson's, 42-dw

Telephone Geo. Ehrhart when you want a clean coal, 18d

Home made broken candy 20c per pound at Wood Bros', 66dw

All w. of red flannel drawers, at B. Stine's, 75 cents a pair, 66-f

Fine cigars and choice confections at C. M. & I. 16d&dw

For a dress or business suit go to Ed. D. C. Central Block, 663v

The Alvents predict that the world will come to an end January 5, 1885

Ed. D. C. has just received a lot of the fine cuttings in the city, 663v

A handsome line of candy boxes for the holidays at Wood Bros', 66dw

Gifts genuine ploughs appropriate for Christmas at Powers & Haworth's, 610dw

Best 25 cent dinner in the city at Krebs' lunch room, 145 E. Prairie St, 626dw

Trimm'd hats and caps at less than cost at Miss Watson's, Haworth Block, 619&dw

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Baptist Church—Rev. Dr. Geo. Vassburgh pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Topic: "Why did Jesus come?"—Sunday school, Sunday school 8:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. All services free. The public invited.

Union Evangelical LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. W. C. Weller, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Topic: "Heaven in My Heart." Topic: "Kinship by Service." Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. The Christmas service of the Sunday school will be held Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Place of worship—1111 corner of North Main and El Dorado streets. Pastor's residence—1111 Durfee street. All are cordially invited.

St. Paul's CATHOLIC—Rev. Geo. Stevens, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Centennial dinner meeting the pastor for the premeeting Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m. You are invited.

Georgius M. E. Cramer—Wm. Schenck past. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Evening service at 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m. All our German friends are cordially invited.

St. John's Church—Rev. W. H. Moore, rector. Service and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; evening service, 7:00 p. m.; Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Holy Communion 7 a. m.

House of PRAYER—Holy communion at 8 a. m. Service and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Evening prayer at 7:30 p. m.

First M. E. CATHOLIC—Rev. T. J. Conliffe, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Centennial dinner meeting. Subject, "A Hundred Years of Methodism." Morning—"An outline of its History." Evening—"Its Philosophy." Special music by the choir. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Class meets at 9:00 a. m. Seats free. All are invited.

Y. M. C. A.—Gospel meeting at the rooms at 3:30 p. m. This is a general meeting and all are invited.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. Prester. Pastor. Owing to the illness of the pastor there will be no services.

U. B. CHURCH—Rev. R. H. Beck, pastor. Quarterly meeting to-morrow. Rev. L. Field will preach morning and evening. Love-fest meeting at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school 2 p. m. Your presence is solicited.

CHRISTIAN—Rev. T. W. Pickerton, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. All invited.

CHURCH OF GOD—M. S. Newcomer, pastor. Subject at 10:30 a. m. "The Mind of Christ." Evening theme, "Ark of Salvation."

UNIVERSITY—Rev. Sophie Gibb, pastor. Services at the usual hours. Morning subject, "Life in Warfare." Evening subject, "Faith in the Invisible." Sunday school at 12 o'clock. Stranger invited.

JAMES CHAPEL—Services to-day at the usual hours, morning and evening. Sabbath school at 8 a. m.

Athiophorus—What is it? "A healer away of the prize." In the muscular contests at Athens the prize was Athiophorus. Muscular contests still go on. There are still to be an everlasting but curtailed system between the Apollonian and the Dionysian, and the healthy remains in pain and the dead are cast down with it. Apollon goes armed with a mighty club. He must be met by shield and buckler, and spear, or he will win by sheer force.

A. H. Norton, Bristol, Conn., met him. He says: "For four days I've fought him myself, but I, from sheer fatigue, could not bear an instant's weight on my feet. After all remedies failed, I turned to Athiophorus. First relief in twenty minutes. In two days was on my feet and about my business. In two or three instances I know it brought speedy cure."

Athiophorus is a direct fighter. It goes right for the name. A physician refuses to aid a friend in case of anathematis. Wesley Duff, Cleveland, Ohio, was 65 years old. Athiophorus cleared the rheumatism out of him. He writes: "Was stiff in joints and limbs, but now am clear of rheumatism, and as free from stiff joints as a young man, and never heard of it again."

Sometimes the battle has been a long one. John T. Hearn, Silsby, Ohio, fought her case for 18 years, with every known remedy. His husband writes: "Athiophorus gave my wife more relief from the rheumatism and neuralgia, than any medicine she ever had. I gave it to other sufferers with great benefit."

In acute cases you want relief right off. Athiophorus is a sure shot. C. S. Starr, New London, Conn., says: "One dose enabled my friend to roll and run as long as the gout he had not done for years. The pain of him as great as the best physicians could prescribe. The best physicians and the best hospital treatments. Yet, there was no more relief. He had struck the greatest and most specific for rheumatism and neuralgia. Athiophorus, the winner of prizes in all the contests with the muscles. The result was natural."

Reduction in Price of Flour.

Owing to the hard, close times that are upon us, we the undersigned millers of Decatur, have decided to sell our well-known brands of flour, at our mills and through the grocery stores, at the following low prices:

SELLARINGER'S MILLS,
White Loaf, (full patent) 1 bbl. sack, \$1.10
Dough Bread, " " " " 1.20
Muffins, " " " " 1.15
Clips, " " " " 1.10

ILLINOIS CENTRAL MILLS,
White Loaf, (full patent) 1/2 bbl. sack, \$1.40
Puff Loaf, " " " " 1.20
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Soda, " " " " 1.00

D. S. SELLARINGER & CO.
J. J. HATCHFIELD & CO.
Decatur, Dec. 11, 1881—S. P.

Presents for Boys and Girls.

Clothes accompanied by their parts, or cases, will receive during the next two weeks at our store, some token of Christmas present of their day when out of a large lot express to us for this purpose.

B.P. & CO. CLOTHES STORE
d21

Notice.

All new stock must be delivered at 10:30 a. m. To order to be furnished after the price for the new stock. January 1st, I will open a new stock of shoes in the building between Clark's drug store and Henry Lyon's grocery, on Main street. d21 J. W. BAKER.

New Shoe Store.

January 1st J. W. Baker will open a new stock of boots and shoes in the building one door north of Henry Lyon's grocery, on Merchant street. All new stock will be closed out at extra low prices for the next ten days. Go and see his bargains in ladies' kid shoes. d21 J. W. BAKER.

Geo. W. Elshart will sell Decatur coal only to the people, and those desiring to use Decatur coal can get it on same terms as at the shaft. —[For Decatur Coal Co. d21]

Ice skates cheaper than the cheapest to close our stock. E. C. REESE.

Another Reward off red.

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Uniform Degree Camp.

At a recent meeting of Uniform Degree Camp N. & S. I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Geo. W. Patterson, Commander, J. M. Birman, Vice Commander, E. C. Lightfoot, O. G.

Geo. P. Blume, Secretary.

Peter Ulrich, Treasurer.

The Camp is little more than a year old but is in a prosperous condition, and has a splendid membership.

HARD TIMES.

ECONOMY COAL.

Lincoln New Mine coal is the best vein of bituminous coal mined in this part of the country for heating and family use, it being unequalled for its GREAT LATENT QUALITIES. This coal is for sale only at Martin's coal depot, one block south of Union depot, and at the lowest market value. Present price \$2.25, delivered. Plenty of teams to fill the order.

Buy the coal at the lowest market value. Terms, cash on delivery. d21

Notice.

All members of Central Lodge N. & S. I. O. O. F. are invited to meet Dr. O. F. Gentry this evening Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock for business.

Wm. Towlings, S. P. President

If you want to find the place where they don't allow any one to purchase, sell them, on children's books, for holiday books or anything else, go to the City Book Store, d21

CLOSING OUT

Notions and Fancy Goods, Ladies' Handkerchiefs,

Value 25 Cts. all Linen Colored Bordered Hem Stitched 10 Cts.

Value 50 Cts. all Linen Colored Bordered Embroidered Corner 25 cents.

Beautiful Plain and Fancy Handkerchiefs at 15, 20, 25 cents up to \$1.50.

SUITABLE FOR XMAS PRESENTS DECIDED BARGAINS

Value 50 Cts. Gents' Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs 25 Cts

" 65 " " " " 50 "

" 75 " " " " 64 "

All \$1.40, \$1.50 and \$1.60 handkerchiefs at \$1.

A few very elegant Fancy Handkerchiefs at \$2.00, each worth nearly double.

Children's Combination Shirts and Waists, knit of fine Cashmere Wool worth \$1.50 at 98 cts. Same in larger size for misses worth \$2.00 for \$1.25, comfortable, warm and nice for children.

All Ladies' Winter Gloves at 25 cents a pair worth double.

Ladies' Very Best \$1.00 Leggings 75 cents.

Misses' " " 75 cent " 50 "

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Worth \$1.50 and \$2.00.

The above goods must and will be closed out, and from now until Christmas we will present each purchaser of the above with an elegant Leather Bound Autograph Album which brings the gloves down to less than half price.

REMEMBER OUR GRAND CLOSING OUT SALE.

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE

Water Street, Decatur, Ill.

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"THE FRENCH CUTTER,"

MERCHANT TAILOR.

158 Merchant St.,

Have just received an

Elegant line of the

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Woolens in weights,

especially adapted to

the Fall and Winter

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BECAUSE

[Boston Transcript.]
 "Now, John," the little teacher says,
 With drawn-tight scarce in his mouth
 The droning-silence around her mouth
 "Never Cipi's has said,
 "What have you done to Mary Ann
 That she's crying so?
 Don't say 'what nothing'—don't, I say,
 For John, that can't be so.

"For Mary Ann would never cry
 At nothing, I am sure,
 And I am the world's justice, John,
 You're the only one
 Is there no one to stand up?
 There, reason must not be
 There is no lead to the scheme
 That has got justice."

So John steps forth, with unburnt face
 And hands all in a tangle,
 His tongue is at a standstill
 His eyes, mouth, so numb,
 "Now, Mary, you must be the ad-
 vice to John will not—
 And he'll be a standup rods
 I'll whip him on the spot."

"We—we were playin' p-prisoner's base,
 And this is a standup case,
 And what I was is I-oh, man'am,
 He's kissin' me—if you please!"

Up to the teacher, the boy comes
 I'll be a standup for the town,
 A standup rod it runs through her mind,
 The stick comes down—down.

But justice law must be avenged!
 It's not the law, but it is
 And in the veins of love,
 Come out, come out, come out!

"I look to have to whip you, John;
 She can't break his rule;
 No, I'll keep a standup one,
 What I kiss a girl—at school!"

Again the teacher's rod is raised,
 A noise is—she—stun—
 A standup was put on sin
 I'll stand up by such bands!

As when the bee explores the rose
 We're the standup trouble,
 So I'll stand up Mary's to end lips—
 Her heart would not be do—

"I would not whip him very hard!"—
 The stick stirs in his hand—
 "If we're not right to do it; but
 I'll do it that way."

"What am I to do with you, Mary Ann?"
 To such a standup as a pea—
 And out in the listening air
 For Mary comes, "I—excuse?"

A CURIOUS CHARACTERISTIC.

The Cradle to Which An Englishman Gives Utterance.

[Theodore Stanton's London Letter.]

One of the most curious characteristics of contemporary England is the concealed dislike we meet with the average Englishman here in the United States. On the surface all is friendliness, but beneath is a feeling of almost animosity. During my frequent sojourns in England I have given special attention to this subject, and I have found that almost invariably on being introduced to an Englishman in England a woman you must either defend your country or overlook little slurs cast on it. And the most exasperating part of it is that the disagreeable criticisms are evidently not intended to be such. In other words, your interlocutor is quite unconscious of the fact that he is impulsive. Nor is this lack of international amity confined to any class, although it is stronger the higher you go up the social ladder. The first time I saw John Bright, for example, half of what was spent in listening to a severe arraignment of America because of its adherence to protection.

It when you are presented to an Englishman, the conversation turns on the United States—and as a rule he introduces the topic—you are asked, nine times of ten, all or some of the following questions: "Is political corruption on the increase or decrease in the states at the present moment?" "Doesn't it paralyze public business when all the office-holders are turned out every four years?" You try to clear this up by informing your questioner that this calamity occurs only when a new party comes into power, which does not happen at every moon as he seems to imagine. The third interrogation is generally this: "Aren't your frequent elections a great nuisance?"

By this time if you have not turned your back on the man, you lead your persecutor to a discussion of the weather, the crops, or the immortality of the soul, and inwardly swear that the next time you are introduced to an Englishman you will get ahead of him by bombarding him with: "How much longer do you mean to support the heavy burden of an idle royal family?" "Aren't you sick and tired of that useless house of Lords?" "Aren't you ashamed of the low moral character of the prince of Wales?" "Don't you consider the house of commons very narrow minded and bigoted in regarding Bradlaugh his seat?" If any of your readers ever chance to meet Lady Verney, they had better salute her with some such question, for otherwise she will force you to swallow the usual dose of anti-American comment which all Englishmen have ready for us.

A Story of Two Boys.

[Cincinnati Times-Star.]

A Poor Boy, laudly but cleanly dressed, was engaged in sweeping out another Store, when he bethought a bright Pin slitting upon the floor. He paused and picked it up carefully placing it in the lapel of his coat. "If I begin by saying Pins," he said, "I may become a Wealthy man." His Employer observed him, however, and remarked to himself: "That Pin belongs to the Establishment. A Boy who will steal a Pin will steal Greater Things," and he immediately presented the Lad with his discharge.

Another Boy, arrayed in Tailor's Clothes, was employed in sweeping out another Store, when he also came upon a Pin. Instead of laying it away to rest, however, he exercised his Ingenuity in bending it into various shapes. Then he laid it upon the Book-keeper's Stool and industriously proceeded to Sweep. His Employer enjoyed the Scene from his Office, and when the Book-keeper had finished rubbing himself and swearing Great Oaths the Proprietor said: "That boy is full of Sharp Tricks." And he straightway promoted him to Second Book-keeper. In five years he owned the Concern. Moral—As the Pin is Bent the Boy is Incline.

The Scarlet Fever Microbe.

[Norristown Herald.]

Dr. Deschamps says that the microbe of scarlet fever is shaped like a hair with a swelling on one end. We don't suppose it could be more dreaded if it were shaped like a swelling with a hair on one end.

To Make It Practical.

[The Current.]

The students in a southern business college have contests in counting packages of money made up of about \$1,000. If these pupils desire to gain a practical skill they should have weekly exercises on sums of from \$7 to \$15.

Brilliant Youth.

"Halloo!" shouted one boy to another whom he saw running wildly down the street. "Halloo! are you training for a race?" "No," called back the flying boy. "I'm racing for a train."

Shocking.

Those who may have supposed that conditions were going out of date may be shocked to learn that 96,000 of them were sold in the south alone last year.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT'S YACHT.**MOREHOUSE, WELLS & CO.**

A Dozen Picnickers Are Shown Around on the Nauvoo.

[Croft's New York Letter.]

Some acquaintances of mine—a dozen of them—took up the river awhile ago on a little steam yacht. Coming down, they discovered the Nauvoo lying in the harbor, breathing lightly.

"Hello!" exclaimed one, "here's Bennett's yacht; he's in Europe; let's see if we can't get aboard!"

So they steamed alongside, saluted an officer on the deck and asked if they could be allowed to inspect the vessel. After a little parleying they were allowed aboard, and the officer, up instantly the head steward, showed them around.

They were in a picnic mood and they laughingly criticised everything they saw. "B'George! he doesn't saw such a lot to eat," exclaimed the leader, as they went through his private cabin. "Wouldn't object to dwelling right here myself," said a little gypsy with her hair tipped down to her nose and her nose tipped vice versa. "Here's where he gets himself up! See! Here's the pompadour he puts on his mustache to make it stick out! And he's some power—hat has he! hel—oh, my!"

"Oh, he's a little mite of a pair of slippers! Blue with pink!" shouted another girl, at which they all pulled down their mouths and looked sober.

"You mustn't mind what the girls say, steward—we're on a lark," said one of the girls, slipping into the steward's hand a half dollar.

"Oh, all right, sir," said the steward respectfully.

"What do they pad the walls so fort?" asked a bright-eyed lady; "they're upholstered just like a sofa."

"To make 'em soft when Bennett occupies 'em!" exclaimed a youth in explanation, and they all greeted the remark with a laugh.

"Oh, g'day!" cried another, gleefully. "Hark! Here's a mazurka; I'll take a smoke. I suppose he has his mouth on it—never mind!" and sat the sti on her lips and conched violently thereof. She wiped it off daintily and said: "I'm afraid he'll track me!"

"Oh! Here's his closet," cried another; "Cassing gown—dr—, four, and more spines, a whole row of 'em; why, he must be a controllist—but they are just grown," and they laughed merrily away.

"There is no captain," said the steward. "We have a sailing master and commander." "Oh, yes; who is the commander?" "I am."

"Oh! Ah! Indeed! What name, please?" "James Gordon Bennett—but don't you tell?"

The Postal Currency.

[Ben Peary Poore.]

Total currency, which was the "change" during the war and until the resumption of specie payments, was the invention of Gen. Spinner, who has represented the Syracuse district of New York in congress, and had been appointed treasurer of the United States by President Lincoln. Small change had vanished, and in buying a dinner in the market change had to be taken in beans, cabbages, potatoes and what not. Gen. Spinner was constantly appealed to from all quarters to do something to supply the demand for small change. He had no law under which he could act, but after buying a half-dollar's worth of apples several times and receiving for his half-dollar in change in 20 or less different kinds of produce, he began to cast about for a substitute for small change.

In his dilemma he bethought himself of the postage stamp. He sent down to the post-office department and purchased a quantity of stamps. He then ordered up a package of the paper upon which government securities were printed. He cut the paper into various sizes. On the pieces he pasted stamps to represent different amounts. He thus initiated a substitute for fractional silver. This was not, however, a government transaction in any sense; it could not be. Gen. Spinner got his idea of the fractional currency, and went before congress with it. That body readily adopted it, and but a short time after Gen. Spinner had begun pasting operations a law was on the statute book providing for the issue of the fractional currency which became so popular. The face-value of postage stamps was put on each piece of currency, and for a long time it was known as "postage currency." An enormous amount was presented for redemption, and the government was consequently the gainer.

Improvements in the White House.

[Washington Crier.]

"Preparing for a new patient," is the way a White House attaché described the various operations in progress in the ground, corridors and halls of the executive mansion to a reporter who inquired about them the other day.

The painting of the railings and gateways, the substitution of new lamps for old ones over the entrances and the sandpapering and scouring of the walls of the mansion are about all that is going on outside.

"These doorways," said a veteran Washingtonian who was hovering around this morning and seemed to know all about it, "have been painted for every administration, but have never been scraped and burned before as they are being now. Coat after coat of paint is here, representing every administration since the house was built."

Pausing to watch the workmen scraping and blasting the paint to remove it, he added, in a philosophic and meditative way:

"Why, if they'd a leg on paintin' 'em, coat after coat, they would a filled up the whole doorway. Look a-here, they got a inca deep o' paint on 'em now, and there's the maple grainin' they had way back in '34, and the inca walnut befor' that, an' ye can see the paintin' back for eighty years. Back to the first paint they ever put on; the white paintin' befor' my day."

The Water Cure.

[New York Graphic.]

"I had the hiccoughs in Louisville once for over a week," remarked the colonel.

"Did you do anything for them?"

"Well, I should say I did. I tried vinegar, whisky, and port wine, and put a whole bunch of keys down my back."

"Why didn't you try some water? That's a sure cure."

"Water!" responded the colonel. "Why, certainly I did. I bathed every day."

A Fighting Fox.

A Georgia paper relates a case of a fox standing his ground, fighting a dog and a man in open ground until killed—the first time a fox was ever known to face danger when there was a chance to run away.

There is more money spent in advertising wines in New York than in spreading the announcements of patent medicines.

THE "BIG 18" CHEAP STORE.**Dry Goods in Position, and on Sale at Wholesale Prices.**

What the Prince of Denmark is to the play of Hamlet this widely known, highly enterprising and very popular firm is to the hardware trade in Central Illinois. It is the oldest as well as the largest establishment in Decatur, and while growing with the city's growth and strengthening with its strength, it has always kept well in the lead of its competitors, and fully up with the spirit and progress of the age.

This firm has recently separated its extensive wholesale business from its retail trade—the former being now conducted at Nos. 347 to 350 North Water street, where they have one of the most elegantly appointed wholesale houses in the west. The retail business is continued at the old stand, No. 131 East Main street, occupying the entire three floors and basement of that large and commodious building and also the upper floors and cellar of the building joining on the east. In its arrangement, even to the most minute detail, it is a model of neatness and convenience. Its shelves contain nearly quite everything in the line of shed hardware, mechanics' tools, etc., while large and fine show cases, near the front of the room, are filled with table and pocket cutlery, and many other useful and valuable articles appropriate for holiday presents, and found only in the stock of this enterprising firm. Among these we should not fail to mention a large stock of beautiful decorated teapots, which attract a great deal of attention and are very much admired.

Their stock of building hardware is unsurpassed in quality and style, and worthy the attention of buyers, because of their superior advantages in its purchase, which enables them to sell at the lowest possible prices consistent with the quality of the goods. Being themselves wholesale dealers gives them this decided advantage over most competitors. The second floor is reached by a wide and well lighted stairway. On this floor great improvements have recently been made, and others are contemplated, which will be accomplished in the near future. Some four years ago the firm became so crowded with their jobbing business that they were obliged to relinquish their store trade, but since the separation of their wholesale and retail branches they have resumed it, and now present a much larger stock and greater variety than ever before, embracing about one hundred and twenty-five different patterns of cooking and heating stoves—many of the finest manufactured, and to be had only through this firm.

One room of the second floor is devoted entirely to mantels and grates, and in beauty and variety they are simply astonishing. Here are mantels in marble, marbled slate, wood and iron, elaborately ornamented, highly finished in short things of beauty and joy forever! They have them in Egyptian, Plymouth, Tennessee, Tapis Lazuli, Spanish Brown, St. Anne and Formosa marbles, as well as in iron and many different styles and finish of wood, and ranging in price from \$20.00 to \$150.00. With these they also furnish most beautiful tiling for hearths in scores of designs, and all as beautiful as butterflies or a fairy dream. Some of the mantels are decorated with fine landscape paintings, and are very pretty. This department is worthy a visit from every lady in the city, and the country too, for that matter.

There are many other features of this extensive business upon which we might dwell, but the established reputation of the firm, and the character of the house, earned by a long course of upright and honorable dealing, coupled with energy and enterprise, which has made the firm's name a synonym for reliability, renders complimentary mention or even merited encomium a work of supererogation indeed.

This firm has been most successful in business, and its success has been honestly earned and well merited. It is a pleasure to note this success, and to recognize in Messrs. Morehouse, Wells & Co., a firm that has done so much to promote the commercial interests of our city.—Review.

The best on earth, can truly be said of Griggs' Glycerine Salve, which is a sure, safe and speedy cure for cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, wounds and all other sores. Will positively cure piles, tetter and all skin eruptions. Try this wonder healer. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Only 25 cents. Sold by druggists.

Buy Your

Mixed Candies, at 15cts a pound, and pure home-made candies for Christmas Eve, at Peter Hale's stand, on Cheap O'leary's corner, on Old Square. Santa Claus buys all his Christmas candy here, because it is sweet and hard to beat. 16dwt.

A Good Thing for Decatur.

The Decatur Coal Co. will hereafter sell coal direct to the people at \$2.25 per ton delivered. Orders can be telephoned to the shaft, or they may be left at W. C. Armstrong's drug store if more convenient. Coal dealers selling coal shipped to Decatur cannot furnish Decatur coal. The Coal Co. has found it necessary to do this in order to protect the people against inferior coal shipped here and sold as Decatur coal. Order direct from the shaft or at W. C. Armstrong's drug store. 16dwt.

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Great Clothing Sale!

Don't miss the LAST OPPORTUNITY to buy good clothing for LESS MONEY than the cost of manufacture.

1,300 Overcoats yet to sell. Among the lot will be found some of the finest Beavers, Kerseys, Meltons, Chinchillas, Ulsters and Ulster-sets, in all sizes and prices, that defy competition.

For \$5 we will sell you a genuine English Kersey, worth \$15 at any other dealer's.

For \$3.50 you can buy a genuine all-wool Chinchilla Overcoat, worth elsewhere \$13.50.

A fine English Melton for \$6.25 worth \$18.

\$5 for a genuine Worsted Overcoat worth \$15; only 12 of them left.

Remember, if you want these bargains you must come at once; don't delay and then complain when you come and find them all gone. We have them now but they may be sold to-morrow.

\$3 Men's Suits, comprising fine Cossimeres, Worsted, Beavers, Cloths, etc.

For \$3 you can buy a Cassimere Suit, former price \$9.50.

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